



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME
COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

Thursday, April 11, 2013

6:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-1842)

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Present: Chair John Hybarger, Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg M.D. M.P.H.,
Commissioner Greg Bombard and Commissioner Lee Wax

Excused: Commissioner James W. Etter

Call to Order. (13-1277)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was taken by Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff.

Vice Chair Aronberg joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the January 10, 2013 Minutes. (13-1278)

On motion of Commissioner Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 10, 2013 were approved.

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2. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission:

Notice to Publish Proposed Regulatory Action in the California Regulatory Notice Register:
Sport Fishing Report Card
Practice of Falconry

Klamath-Trinity Rivers

Notice of Findings:

White Shark

Pacific Fisher

Clear Lake Hitch (13-0452)

On motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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[Practice of Falconry](#)
[Klamath-Trinity Rivers](#)
[White Shark \(Carcharodon Carcharias\)](#)
[Pacific-Martes Pennanti](#)
[Clear Lake Hitch](#)

3. Review of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending February 28, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. (13-1279)

Ms. Famuyiwa, Staff, Commission Services, reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report as of February 28, 2013 was \$128,403.52, which includes an encumbrance of \$15,800.00 in grant awards pending disbursement.

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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4. Review of the Commission Donations Fish and Game Commission Trust Fund Reconciliation, ending February 28, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. (13-1280)

Ms. Famuyiwa reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report as of February 28, 2013 is \$6,496.99. This balance includes an encumbrance of \$125 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Commissioners' registration fees to attend the Southern California County Fish and Game Commissions Conference.

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the First Supervisorial District for 1,500 pounds of fish to stock the Legg Lake at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area for a fishing event to be held during the calendar year 2013. (13-0329)

After the review and discussion of the grant request, Chair Hybarger pointed out that the grant amount that is being requested is higher than the amount that the Commission approved for similar events in the past. Vice Chair Aronberg added that \$3,000 seemed to be more consistent with what the Commission approved in the past and since there was no representative present at the meeting to address some of the questions posed by the Commission as it relates to the increase in the amount being requested, she recommended that the item be continued to afford the First District the opportunity to send a representative to clarify the Commission's questions.

On motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Wax, this item was continued.

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6. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the First Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to stock fish at Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area for the 7th annual Moonlight Fishing event scheduled to be held during the calendar year 2013.

Chris Graham, Superintendent
Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
Department of Parks and Recreation (13-1431)

Mr. Steve Evans, Lake Lifeguard Supervisor, Santa Fe Dam, presented on behalf of Chris Graham regarding the "Moonlight Fishing" event that has been held for the past seven years. This event has drawn hundreds of constituents including children. Mr. Evans stated that the Commission has provided grant funds for this event for the past three years and it has been very beneficial.

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Wax, and unanimously carried, this item was approved in the amount of \$2,500.

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7. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$7,500 for the Fishing in the City series to serve as an educational event to teach fishing and how to utilize water resources.
(Continued from meeting of January 10, 2013)

Alex Johnson, Deputy
Public Safety and Education
Second Supervisorial District (13-0327)

After reviewing the request, the Commission requested clarification relative to the number of events, number of participants, the planning efforts, collaboration efforts with the State Fish and Wildlife, the population targeted, location of the event, provision for other amenities and who will be responsible for the workshop.

Mr. Johnson, Deputy, Public Safety and Education, Second Supervisorial District, clarified that the grant request is for two events to be held at the Kenneth Hahn Recreational Area, during summer and early fall of this calendar year. The program is targeting about 120-150 kids to participate in both events; participants will be mainly the kids from the Freedom Schools (summer literacy program). Transportation to the events and other amenities will be provided by the Second District. Additionally, the State Fish and Wildlife will be responsible for conducting the workshops.

Chair Hybarger expressed that in comparison with other similar events which the Commission has supported in the past, the 150 maximum participants is relatively small for the amount of grant that is being requested for each fishing event. Commissioner Bombard added that \$2,500 has always been a good amount of fish for one event and should be sufficient for this instance as well.

Commissioner Wax urged the Commission to take into consideration the fact that the events are scheduled for the time of the year when the kids will be out of school, which may result in a high number turn out. Chair Hybarger, however, pointed out that only a limited number of participants are targeted for these events hence it will be difficult for the others to participate.

Mr. Johnson clarified that the program has the capability to accommodate additional participants if the resources are available and if there is a need to increase the number of participants. He further added that the idea is to make this an annual event and make further plans to

strategically open it up to a higher number of participants from other programs in the community.

Chair Hybarger expressed satisfaction at the fact that the Second District is reintroducing the fishing event to the communities within the Second District after a quiet three or more years.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wax made a motion for the Commission to approve the grant request for the \$7,500 for two events. There being no second to the motion, Commissioner Bombard made a substitute motion to approve a substitute amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg.

On the conversation on the motion, Vice Chair Aronberg expressed that she was more comfortable with approving the \$5,000 for the two events because of the limited number of participants targeted for the event.

Commissioner Wax inquired from the Commission what the next course of action should be in the case that the State does not supply additional fish for the events. Chair Hybarger clarified that the Second District can return to the Commission to ask for additional support if there is a need.

On that note, the motion to approve \$5,000 for two events at the Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area was duly carried.

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8. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Hunter Education Instructor Association of Southern California in the amount of \$1,525 to fund a Hunter Education Instructor program titled "Teaching the Teacher". (Continued from meeting of January 10, 2013)

Derek Fong, President
Hunter Education Instructors Association of Southern California (13-0328)

Mr. Nick Bechtel, Special Hunt Coordinator, South Coast Region, presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Teaching the Teacher" to the Commission. Mr. Bechtel has been involved in the program for eight years and stated that the main goal of the program is to teach the mechanics that leads to firing the trigger while hunting. The program focuses on safe conduct, awareness of unsafe hazards, shooting conduct, safe conduct when hunting over dogs, using pointers vs. flushers, preparation, ethics and sportsmanship, proper game care, and legal transportation of game.

Mr. Fong advised the Commission that the program was originally planned as a two day-program, but has since been changed to a one-day program. He, therefore, requested that the original grant amount of \$1,525 be reduced to \$1,000.

On motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Commissioner Bombard and unanimously carried, the grant was approved for \$1,000.

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- 9.** Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort MacArthur in the amount of \$7000 for the diagnostic blood panels, blood-drawing equipment and pharmaceuticals to rehabilitate the increased numbers of stranded (700% in excess of the typical patient caseload from January - March 2013) California sea lion pulps.

David Bard, Director of Operations
Marine Mammal Care Center (13-1430)

After a review of the grant request, Mr. David Bard, Director of Operations Marine Mammal Care Center, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the general background and activities of the organization, as well as, the current emergency need for pharmaceuticals to rehabilitate stranded California sea lion pulps.

A brief discussion followed and on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg and unanimously carried, the grant was approved for \$7,000.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

- 10.** Discussion and action to revise and update the 1994 Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission Firearm Closure Map. (Continued from meeting of January 10, 2013)

Mitchell Glaser, General Plan Development/Housing
Advance Planning Division
Regional Planning Department (13-0326)

Mitchell Glaser, General Plan Development/Housing of the Advance Planning Division of the Regional Planning Department, provided a report on the findings of their investigation of the process to update the Firearms Closure Map (Map). He reported that an update of the Map will

require drafting an ordinance; preparing an initial study; preparing and circulating an environmental document; and scheduling public meetings before the Fish and Game Commission and the Board. Additionally, the update will require extensive staff resources over the course of 12 to 18 months.

On behalf of Richard J. Bruckner, Director, Department of Regional Planning, Mr. Glaser recommended that the Commission should inform the Board of its interest in updating the Map, as well as, the activities necessary to complete the update.

After a brief conversation on the findings, the Commission thanked Mr. Glaser for their research, investigation and report.

The Commission directed staff to collaborate with Mr. Glaser (Regional Planning) to prepare a draft Board letter to be submitted for the Commission's review.

11. Discussion and action on a possible name change from Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission to Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, M.D., M.P.H. (13-1288)

Vice Chair Aronberg presented for discussion the possibility of considering a name change for the Commission in order to be consistent with the State's name change. She expressed that the Commission's role goes beyond Fish and Game, but rather encompasses the propagation of Fish and Wildlife as well.

After a brief discussion, the Commission directed staff to consult with County Counsel to find out what it would entail to do a name change in the event the Commission decides to go in that direction. Staff will provide feedback at the next regular meeting.

IV. REPORTS

12. Staff Report for the month of April 2013.
- Follow-up reports from grant fund recipients
 - Santa Fe Dam report
 - \$2500 to purchase fish to stock the lake for the Moonlight Fishing event held on July 27, 2012

- Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
 - \$2500 for a pilot program to establish a Junior Fishing Club Belvedere Park

Update on the April 19, 2013 Fish and Game Conference to be hosted by the Riverside County Fish and Game Commission (13-0320)

Ms. Famuyiwa reported on the following agencies' follow-up reports on the grants they received:

- Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
- Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
- Belvedere Park

Ms. Famuyiwa advised the Commission that staff is continuing to follow up with grant recipients to ensure they adhere to the Commission's request to provide follow-up reports on how grant funds are expended.

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13. Commissioners' Reports for April 2013. (13-0308)

There were no reports presented.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 14.** Matters not posted on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-1284)

The Commission decided to schedule a Special Meeting on May 16, 2013 to hear the following items, as they are matters that require the Commission's attention prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in July 2013:

- Grant requests from the First District to host a fishing event at Belvedere Park and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
- Review the draft Board letter regarding updating the Firearms Closure Map

Public Comment

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0319)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment of the meeting of April 11, 2013. (13-1287)

On motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.